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**Re: Honeywell International Inc. et al. v. Apple Computer Inc. et al.
C.A. No. 1:04-cv-01338-JJF**

Dear Counsel:

Consistent with Judge Farnan's direction to me, please be advised that I informed his Honor on April 16, 2008 that my firm is adverse to Dell Inc. in a matter presently pending in the Eastern District of Texas, Tyler Division, involving different patents. I also advised him that my firm is also representing Honeywell International Inc. in multi-defendant asbestos tort related actions presently pending in Western and Southwestern State County Courts in Ohio – Honeywell is not considered to be a primary defendant.

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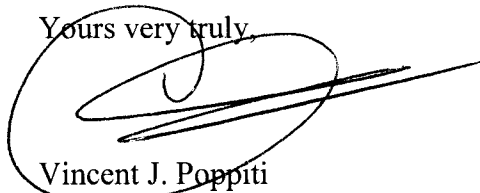
I told Judge Farnan, with respect to same, that no work is being accomplished out of my Firm's Wilmington office and that I have not had, nor will I have, any involvement with either matter.

If counsel deems it necessary, my Firm is prepared to establish a timely and effective screening procedure prior to the time I begin work as Special Master to ensure that, through a "cone of silence," no confidential information that may come into my possession will be shared with those involved in the referenced matters and that I am not informed in any way of the status of or facts relating to these matters.

I also asserted respectfully to the Court that I was satisfied I would be able to discharge the responsibilities of a Special Master in a fair and impartial manner and that I did not believe that my ability to do so might reasonably be questioned in light of the above information.

As I would like to establish a date for an initial conference in the matter, please advise my secretary of all available dates for the week of April 21, 2008 for a conference to be held in the J. Caleb Boggs Federal Building, unless counsel agree that a teleconference would be more convenient. I expect we should be able to conclude our business within a two hour time frame. I, of course, am prepared to discuss the subject of this letter during the conference or earlier if counsel believe it necessary.

Yours very truly,



Vincent J. Poppiti
Special Master (DE # 100614)

VJP/mcm

cc: The Honorable Joseph J. Farnan (via hand delivery)